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ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY
(SBC Illinois)

Application for an Order (1) authorizing
certain revisions to the Bellwood and
Elmhurst Exchanges, and (2) granting new
Certificate of Exchange Service Authority
for said exchanges.

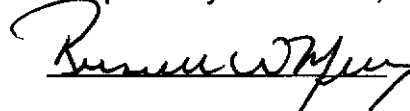
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STAFF'S ANSWER TO THE APPLICATION

Now comes the Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission (Staff) and in support of its answer to SBC Illinois' Applications for an Order (1) authorizing certain revisions to the Bellwood and Elmhurst Exchanges, and (2) granting a new Certificate of Exchange Service Authority for said exchanges.

1. After reviewing the petition and testimony filed by Illinois Bell Telephone Company in the abovementioned docketed proceeding, the Engineering Department of the Telecommunications Division has no objection to granting the relief sought by the Company.

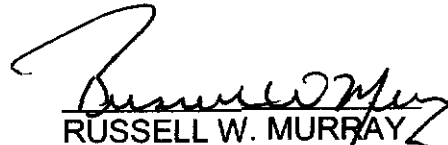
Respectfully Submitted,



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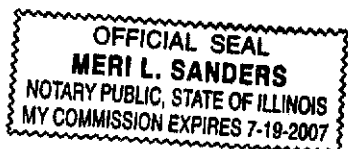
VERIFICATION

I, Russell W. Murray, first being duly sworn upon oath, depose and say that I am an Engineering Analyst for Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission, that I have read the attached and foregoing Answer to the Application by me subscribed and know the contents thereof; that said contents are true in substance and in fact, except as to those matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those, I believe same as true.


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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 9th day of December, 2004


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